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North Dakota

(Devils Lake) **BNSF delays increasing speed through Devils Lake.** BNSF Railway is holding off on increasing the speed limit of trains passing through Devils Lake, according to Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D. The company had planned to double the speed from 30 mph to 60 mph starting Friday.
http://www.inforum.com/content/bnsf-delays-increasing-speed-through-devils-lake

(Minot) **State Fair pigs test positive for swine flu strain.** Three pigs exhibited at the North Dakota State Fair last week have tested positive for an influenza strain that can be transmitted to humans. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture reports the three pigs appeared healthy when they were tested on arrival at the fairgrounds, but became ill while at the Fair.
http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/aug/1/state-fair-pigs-test-positive-for-swine-flu-strain/

(North Dakota) **Oil, saltwater spill in Mountrail County.** The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division announced July 31 that a July 29 Statoil Oil & Gas L.P. spill of 427 barrels of oil and 142 barrels of saltwater was contained and recovered at the Anderson 28-33 3H well site near Ross after an alleged valve failure. This is the second release in July for the company after a pipeline leaked an estimated 75 barrels of saltwater in McKenzie County.
http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/oil-saltwater-spill-mountrail-county-0

(North Dakota) **Essentia Health informs patients of information breach.** About 430 Essentia Health patients in Fargo were notified the week of July 21 of a security breach after they were invited to an educational event through an outside marketing firm who had been given their personal information without their permission or knowledge. http://www.wday.com/content/essentia-health-informs-patients-information-breach

Regional

(South Dakota) **Indian Health Services addresses breach of private information.** Indian Health Service Rosebud Service Unit notified 620 patients July 16 after a folder containing their personal information, including Social Security numbers

and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs enrollment information, was quickly recovered after it was accidentally left in a public area of the facility's Rapid City unit May 30 by an employee. http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/indian-health-services-addresses-breach-of-private-information/article_2ed1e8c6-089b-5b51-9113-5e1c9bb16cc0.html

(Minnesota) E. coli levels close Lake Independence beaches. Hennepin County officials closed the main beach and the campground beach at Baker Park Reserve in Lake Independence, as well as two beaches at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi July 30 due to high levels of E. coli found in the water. http://www.startribune.com/local/north/269310021.html

NATIONAL

(National) Hacker breached NOAA satellite data from contractor's PC. A report released by the Office of the Inspector General found that satellite data was stolen from a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) contractor's personal computer in 2013, which allowed a hacker to extract data from NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service system through a remote connection. The report found the administration had several security deficiencies and security bugs in its satellite software that remained unfixed, among other findings. http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2014/07/hacker-breached-noaa-satellite-data-contractors-pc/89771/

(California) Thousands stranded after California storms; 1 dead. About 2,500 people were stranded after thunderstorms caused mountain mudslides in Southern California, while one person was found dead in a flooded creek, authorities said. http://news.msn.com/us/thousands-stranded-after-california-storms-1-dead

(Texas) Texas Law Enforcement Volunteer to Form 'Border Brotherhood' To Regulate Immigration. Law enforcement officers from several Texas counties have banded together to form a "Border Brotherhood" who volunteer without pay to help enforce U.S. border laws in counties where there are too few deputies to regulate the ongoing flow of illegal immigrants crossing over from Mexico.

http://houston.cbslocal.com/2014/07/31/texas-law-enforcement-volunteer-to-form-border-brotherhood-to-regulate-immigration/

(Washington D.C.) Illegal immigrants protest outside White House, with little fear of repercussions. Illegal immigrant demonstrators were protesting outside the White House on Monday – but don't expect America's immigration officers to intervene. An Immigration and Customs Enforcement official indicated that even if the protesters end up getting arrested by D.C. police, they'd have to be serious criminals for ICE to get involved.
http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/07/28/illegal-immigrants-protest-outside-white-house-with-little-fear-repercussions/

International

(International) WHO: Ebola moving faster than control efforts. An Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 700 people in West Africa is moving faster than efforts to control the disease, the head of the World Health Organization warned as presidents from the affected countries met Friday in Guinea's capital.
http://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/02/ebola-moving-faster-control-efforts/13503589/

(International) How a 72-hour truce in Gaza fell apart in less than 2 hours. On Friday morning, Israeli troops were in the southern Gaza Strip preparing to destroy a Hamas tunnel, said Israeli military officials. Suddenly, Palestinian militants emerged from a shaft. They included a suicide bomber, who detonated his explosive device. http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/israel-hamas-agree-to-72-hour-humanitarian-cease-fire/2014/08/01/059f1ff8-194e-11e4-9e3b-7f2f110c6265_story.html?wpisrc=al_national

(International) Only '3% of web servers in tops corps' fully fixed after Heartbleed snafu. A study by Venafi Labs found that only 3 percent of machines have been fully protected against the Heartbleed Open SSL vulnerability which includes patching servers and changing private keys, as well as being issued with new SSL certificates and having the old ones revoked.
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/29/only_3_of_top_firms_fully_patched_against_heartbleed_flaw/

(International) **New point-of-sale malware "Backoff" scrapes RAM for card data.** The U.S. Computer Emergency Response Team (US CERT) published an advisory warning of a new family of malware known as "Backoff" that can compromise point-of-sale (PoS) systems by compromising remote desktop applications and then performing memory scraping to obtain payment card track data. The malware currently has very low rates of detection in most antivirus engines and contains various other capabilities including keystroke logging and injecting a malicious stub into explorer.exe to increase persistency.
http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Point-of-Sale-Malware-Backoff-Scrapes-RAM-For-Card-Data-453051.shtml

Banking and Finance Industry

(National) **Sandwich chain Jimmy John's investigating breach claims.** Sandwich restaurant chain Jimmy John's reported that it is working with authorities to investigate a possible breach of customer payment data.
https://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/07/sandwich-chain-jimmy-johns-investigating-breach-claims/

Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing Significant to Report

Commercial Facilities

(Wisconsin) **Scam may be to blame for glut of recent bomb threats.** The FBI is investigating after at least 10 businesses in 7 cities across Wisconsin received bomb threats since July 25, prompting several stores to evacuate. Authorities reported similarities in several cases and stated that a suspect allegedly calls the store and claims he is going to blow up the building unless an employee loads money onto a Green Dot prepaid debit card.
http://www.jrn.com/tmj4/news/Scam-may-be-to-blame-for-glut-of-recent-bomb-threats-269128781.html

Communications Sector

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Kawasaki recalls Teryx4 recreational off-highway vehicles due to injury hazard. Kawasaki announced a recall for around 11,000 model year 2012 and 2013 Teryx4 750 4x4 recreational off-highway vehicles due to the vehicles' floorboards potentially allowing debris to break through into the foot rest area, posing a hazard to the vehicle operator and front passenger.
http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/Kawasaki-Recalls-Teryx4-Recreational-Off-highway-Vehicles/

(National) Hyundai recalling 880,000 Sonatas that can roll away. Hyundai announced a recall for over 880,000 model year 2011-2014 Sonata vehicles due to a transmission shift cable that can detach from the shift lever pin, which could cause the vehicles to appear to be in 'park' when they are not, posing a rollaway hazard. http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2014/07/30/hyundai-sonata-recall/13377795/

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(Arizona) West's largest coal-fired plant on track to close. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced July 28 that the Navajo Generating Station in Arizona will produce one-third less energy by 2020 and will cease operations in 2044 in order to cut haze-causing emissions of nitrogen oxide at public places. The agreement will place the coal-fired power plant within federal government proposal standards.
http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/wests-largest-coal-fired-plant-track-close-24745482

(California) **PG&E charged with obstruction of justice over deadly 2010 gas pipeline explosion.** A federal grand jury issued new charges against Pacific Gas and Electric Company July 29 that included an obstruction of justice charge and 27 others for lying to federal investigators in connection to the 2010 San Bruno pipeline explosion that killed 8 people and caused extensive damage to a neighborhood. The company faces more than $3 billion in total fines.
http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/30/pge-charged-with-obstruction-justice-over-deadly-2010-gas-pipeline-explosion/

Food and Agriculture

(North Dakota) **Farmer dies in grain bin accident.** A worker that was loosening grain inside a grain bin died when he became partially buried in the elevator on a farm in Napoleon, North Dakota, July 26.
http://www.kxnet.com/story/26141958/farmer-dies-in-grain-bin-accident

Government Sector (including Schools and Universities)

(International) **Englishman indicted for stealing thousands of U.S. government employee records.** A man from England was indicted July 24 in the Eastern District of Virginia for offenses that enabled him to access sensitive information belonging to more than 100,000 federal government employees by breaching the systems of the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Sentencing Commission, FBI's Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, and Deltek, Inc., among several others. The man was able to exploit a security vulnerability in Adobe ColdFusion gaining administrator-level access to the networks using custom file managers.
http://news.softpedia.com/news/Englishman-Indicted-for-Stealing-Thousands-of-US-Government-Employee-Records-452280.shtml

Information Technology and Telecommunications

(International) **Tor warns of attack attempting to deanonymize users.** The Tor Project reported that an attack that could have broken users' anonymity on the Tor network was detected July 4 and may have been part of a research project. The attack used a combination of a Sybil attack and a traffic confirmation attack,

and the vulnerabilities exploited were closed in a patch issued July 30.
http://www.securityweek.com/tor-warns-attack-attempting-deanonymize-users

(International) Zero-day flaws found in Symantec's Endpoint Protection.
Offensive Security researchers reported finding three zero day vulnerabilities in
Symantec's Endpoint Protection product that could allow a logged-in user to gain
system access and perform attacks such as identifying domain administrator
cache credentials or hash dumping.
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9250047/Zero_day_flaws_found_in_Symantec_s_Endpoint_Protection

(International) 70 percent of IoT devices vulnerable to cyberattacks: HP. HP
released a report on Internet of Things (IoT) devices and found that 70 percent of
devices tested contained serious vulnerabilities, while 80 percent raised privacy
concerns, among other findings. http://www.securityweek.com/70-iot-devices-vulnerable-cyberattacks-hp

**(International) USB device firmware can be reprogrammed to hide sophisticated
malware.** Researchers from SRLabs reported developing a new piece of malware
that can reprogram USB controller chips to spoof other devices, allowing an
attacker to take control of a computer, steal data, and perform other actions. The
researchers plan to demonstrate the "BadUSB" malware at the upcoming Black
Hat security conference. http://www.securityweek.com/usb-device-firmware-can-be-reprogrammed-hide-sophisticated-malware

Public Health

(Indiana) DEA serves search warrants at several Indiana clinics. Four doctors, an
attorney, and several clinic employees were among the 11 allegedly involved in
handing out prescription drugs for cash throughout clinics across several Indiana
counties. The illegal drug operation was reportedly based in an office in Carmel
and included four other sites where patients would receive prescriptions without
any exams in exchange for cash.
http://www.wthr.com/story/26112815/2014/07/25/dea-serves-search-warrants-at-several-indiana-clinics

Transportation

Nothing Significant to Report

Water and Dams

Nothing Significant to Report

North Dakota Homeland Security Contacts

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455;   US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.

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